Proposal to dilute the compulsory packaging norms

1187. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to progressively dilute the compulsory packaging norms under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in packing Commodities) Act, 1987 to facilitate its repeal; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The Government has not taken any decision in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Effect of cheap imported readymade garments on sale of Indian markets

†1188. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that imported readymade garments in large quantity are being sold at cheaper rates in Indian markets;

(b) if so, whether the sale of Indian garments will not be affected by it;

(c) whether Government are going to take any step in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) Though the

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import of readymade garments has shown an increase, the quantity of imports is not even 1% of our domestic garment consumption. There has also been no complaint from domestic garment industry associations regarding large scale imports of garments at cheap rates.

(b) to (d) Do not arise, in view of (a) above.

Suicide by handloom weavers

†1189. DR. A. K. PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to State:

(a) the number of handloom weavers committed suicide during the last two years owing to problems in their occupation;

(b) the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of new progressive scheme proposed to be introduced by Government to arrive at a solution to the problems of handloom weavers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Reports about suicides during the last two years are with regard to powerloom weavers in and around Sircilla in Karimnagar District of Andhra Pradesh. No information/reports have been received from any State Government regarding suicide by handloom weavers in the last two years.

(c) There is no proposal to introduce any new scheme. However for the development of the handloom sector and the welfare of its weavers, the Government of India is implementing the following Schemes:—

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Development of Exportable Products and their Marketing.
3. Workshed-cum-Housing Scheme.
4. Health Package Scheme.
5. Thrift Fund Scheme.

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